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This is Calpeek's 44th issue for 1998 - meaning it's our last newsletter of the year. We'll be on X-Mas vacation for the next 3 weeks, but will be back at work on Dec. 26th, preparing our Jan. 4, 1999 newsletter. We'll go to press with Vol. XXI #1 on or about Dec. 29th - so many of you will get an early jump on 1999. Here's wishing all Calpeek readers a very joyous, happy and safe holiday...



CALPEEK's 1998 REVIEW: WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT.

Editor's note: We'll end 1998 with one of your favorite columns --- *Who's Hot & Who's Not*. There is nothing objective about this column. Thanks to those unnamed sources who helped **Calpeek** with this year's list. Now sit back and enjoy - or scream & weep...

● ***From Club Deluxe to Superstar*** - Gov.-elect Gray Davis(D)...

● ***Superstar 2000???*** - Demo U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein is playing second fiddle to Davis, but that changes IF DiFi makes Gore's short list for VP...

● ***Definitely On the A-List*** - U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer is still the Demo GOPers *love to hate*, but she was a 10-pt winner in '98. Note to BB: you need a better DC press operation...

● ***No More Twinkle*** - Soon-to-be former Gov. Pete Wilson(R), who exits Sacto as a *faded star*...

● ***Twinkle, Twinkle*** - Lt. Gov.-elect Cruz Bustamante(D) & San Jose Mayor-elect Ron Gonzales...

● ***Best Potential for Stardom*** - GOP U.S. Rep. David Dreier; CA Treasurer-elect Phil Angelides(D); AG-elect Bill Lockyer(D); GOP Assembly Leader Rod Pacheco; Demo Assemblymen Kevin Shelley and Bob Hertzberg...

● ***An Older Star*** - Senate President Pro Tem John Burton. Old pols never die - they just get smarter & better...

● ***Stardom Overshadowed*** - Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa(D) is playing 2nd string behind LG-elect Bustamante...

● ***Waiting in the Wings*** - L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn; GOP U.S. Rep. Chris Cox; L.A. Co. Sup. Zev Yaroslavsky; Assemblywoman Susan Davis(D-San Diego); GOP businesswoman Noel Irwin Hentschel; former Demo Congresswoman Lynn Schenk; CCPOA leader Don Novey; YES on 5 spokesperson Mark Macarro...

● ***Faded from Sight*** - Big bucks Demo candidate Al Checchi. He went from a \$40 million gubernatorial primary frontrunner to MIA...

● ***The GOP Grinch*** - Dan Lungren...

● ***Not Ready for Prime Time Trio*** - GOPers Matt Fong, Dave Stirling, and Curt Pringle...

● ***Never Had It Duet*** - Demos Michela Alioto & Diane Martinez...

● ***Orange Co. Political Toast*** - Bob Dornan(R), ex-State Sen. Rob Hurtt(R) and ex-Assemblyman Jim Morrissey(R)...

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● **Beavis & Butt-head Award** - To RNC Chair Jim Nicholson & CRP Chair Michael Schroeder...

● **McDougaled** - In '95, L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti was OJed. Now he's been *McDougaled*...

● **Mr. Lucky** - GOP Sec. of State Bill Jones is very, very lucky that Michela Alioto(D) didn't have money. Otherwise he might have been *toast*...

● **Stardom on Hold** - GOP State Sen. Jim Brulte and San Diego Mayor Susan Golding...

● **Once Bright but Fading** - L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan; S.F. Mayor Willie Brown; Demo Controller Kathleen Connell; and SPI Delaine Eastin...

● **The Phoenix Award** - To the Bay area's other mayor - Oakland Mayor-elect Jerry Brown. Will ex-Gov. *Moonbeam* do potholes???

● **Folks who will be missed** - Sony Bono, John Moss, Sam Pannell, Vince Campagna, Jerry F. Cremins, Maxine Thomas, Charles Conrad, Lionel Wilson, Joe Alioto, Tom Bradley, Sam Yorty, Thomas F. Riley, Gordon Lau, Maurice Stans, Kenneth Washington, Jack McDowell, H. Allen Smith, Susan Yoachum, Kathy Hubert, Bill Angel, Lulann Sapp McGriff, Elizabeth Snyder, Harold Ezell, George Danielson, Bonnie Brody, Steven Earl Smith, Gordon Field, Ken Cory and Sherman Block. R.I.P. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: MORE LATE RETURNS COMING IN.
Editor's note: Here's another update on the Nov. 3rd election. Just a few counties which still have not fully reported all votes. These figures are as of Dec. 1st...

☒ **Turnout** - In raw numbers, the CA turnout was 8,607,926 --- in percentages 57.5%. The lowest turnout in Calif. was in Merced Co. with 47.5%, while the highest turnout was in Sierra Co. with 79.2%. In counties with 100,000+ registered voters, the highest turnout was in Marin Co. with 72.5%. Among the top 5 counties (in total registration), here's the turnout numbers: L.A. 53.4%; San Diego 58.1%; Orange 61.4%; Santa Clara 59.8%; and Alameda 55.6%...

☒ **Governor** - Gov.-elect Gray Davis(D) continues

to hold an almost 20-pt. lead over Dan Lungren(R): 58% to 38.4%. The raw vote between Davis and Lungren is 1,642,011...

☒ **U.S. Senate** - Incumbent Barbara Boxer(D) now leads GOP rival Matt Fong by 835,055 --- or 53.1% to 43.1%. Stay tuned...

INTERNAL WARFARE CONTINUES NATIONWIDE AND IN CALIF. AS GOP SEARCHES FOR A NEW DIRECTION

Editor's note: In the wake of a very disappointing Nov. 3rd mid-term election, Republicans seem restless as they search new direction and leadership. Here is **Cal-peek's** update & analysis...

...While the Nov. 3rd election results in Calif. were a **total disaster** for the Republicans, nationwide the results were at most **disappointing**. But given the historical mid-term voting trend (re: the party in control of the White House loses big), Newt Gingrich was forced out and U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston of Louisiana will become the new House Speaker. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott(R) remains in place...

...Thus the overall philosophy of the 1999 GOP Congressional leadership team **remains very conservative** and, unfortunately for the GOP, this is the view that voters get because political news comes from **Wash. DC** -- and **not** from such States as Pennsylvania, NY, NJ, Wisconsin, Illinois or Texas -- where popular GOP governors attract **cross-over** Demos as well as independents with their politically pragmatic message. Thus 1999 may see an intense rivalry between the **GOP governors** and the **GOP Congress** - battling for the heart & soul (read that as direction & leadership) of the Grand Old Party...

...Nationally, RNC Chair Jim Nicholson appears to be headed for another 2-year term, despite a challenge from Michigan GOP Chair Chuck Yob and Florida GOP Chair Tom Slade. The big showdown will take place Jan. 21-23 at the DC Hilton. Sources tell **Cal-peek** that CRP Chair Mike Schroeder, as well as CA's two national committee members, Tim Morgan and Barbara Alby, are solid Nicholson supporters...

...A more noisy and bitter confrontation may take place when the **CA Republican Party** holds its Feb. 26-28

Statewide convention in Sacto. As reported in Calpeek's pre-Thanksgiving newsletter, former CRP Chair Tirso del Junco will challenge CRP Treas. Shawn Steel for the party's #2 post - Vice Chair. del Junco was chair in '81 and '94 - both years when the GOP posted big wins. He's hired Gilliard, Blanning & Assoc. to assist him and is lining up support. Already in his corner are former CRP Chair John Harrington and GOP Senate Leaders Ross Johnson and Jim Brulte. But Steel has been around for a long time and has built up a string of political IOUs. He was first elected CRP Treasurer in '95 and reelected again in '97. As for the current Vice Chair, John McGraw doesn't (at this time) have any opposition to succeed Schroeder as CRP chair. But he does have critics and comes from the same political mold as Schroeder - *very conservative...*

...FYI: Steel and L.A. County Lincoln Club president Bob Virtue co-sponsored a gathering on Nov. 21st with 50 GOP/Lincoln Club *movers & shakers* to rehash the Nov. 3rd disaster in Calif. SOS Bill Jones, Curt Pringle, new GOP Assembly Leader Rod Pacheco & former Assembly Leader Bill Leonard, U.S. Rep. Ed Royce and Darrell Issa also attended. Lots of *venting* and *anger* - mostly directed at the Lungren & Fong campaigns. But lots of finger pointing too - with moderates & traditional conservatives vs. hardliners. The same old argument: the party needs to move toward the center vs. the Gary Bauer line that moderation is a failure and only principled conservatism wins. This GOP gathering came a week after Ventura Co. GOP Vice Chair/CRP member Bob Larkin distributed his Nov. 13th memo, blasting the current CRP leadership and calling on all CRP officers to resign prior to the February CRP convention. Very interesting. Stay tuned...



CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Dec. 7	CA Legislature reconvenes.
Dec. 7	Pete Wilson Roast sponsored by Sacramento Press Club at Sacto Holiday Inn.
Jan. 4	Gray Davis and other CA Constitutional officers sworn in.
Jan. 13	First day to file Declarations of Intent to become an L.A. City Council candidate.
Jan. 14-16	AAPC Annual Meeting, ANA Hotel, Washington DC.
Jan. 23	DNC Executive Cmt. meeting, Wash. DC

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MANY NOMINATED, BUT ONLY 5 GET CALPEEK'S AWARD FOR BIG SCREW UPS OF CAMPAIGN '98.

Editor's note: We originally had a list of about 17 key *screw ups* on our nomination list, but have narrowed these awards down to the top 5. Here, for what it's worth, are Calpeek's First Annual Digital Salute Awards for Campaign Blunders & Screw Ups...

#1 - Top honors to the Calif. Demo & Republican Parties for their total failure to inform voters about **Prop. 3**. Now the powers that be are scrambling to make sure Calif.'s Mar. 7, 2000 primary isn't just a beauty contest among presidential contenders...

#2 - To Matt Fong, who blundered by giving \$50,000 to the Orange Co.-based Traditional Values Coalition, the anti-abortion/anti-gay group. The donation undercut Fong's credibility on *choice* with moderate GOP voters. FYI: Gay GOPers were so outraged that they forced Fong to sign a pledge --- and the pledge then outraged hardline conservatives...

#3 - To the CA Republican Party for spending about \$500,000 on tv ads bashing the CA Correctional Peace Officers Assn. The CCPOA did endorse Gray Davis (D) for governor, but the prison guards also supported a number of down-ballot and legislative GOP candidates. What a waste of resources!!!

#4 - To Gov. Pete Wilson for his veto of bills to tighten Calif.'s assault weapons law and to ban Saturday night special cheap handguns. Had Wilson signed these bills, the gun issue would have been *taken off the table* and this would have helped Lungren and AG candidate Dave Stirling...

#5 - To Bob Dornan(R). B-1 tripped over his own ego. He should never have run again. And because of his ill-fated reelection effort, Rob Hurtt(R) and Jim Morrissey(R) both got dragged down too. In Orange Co., the Demos have made solid gains thanks to Dornan. Stay tuned...

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CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are few items, political and otherwise, worth noting...

■ **Tribes Meets With Gray, Cruz & Bill** - About 15-20 of the YES on Prop. 5 Indian tribes held a private meeting Nov. 28th with Gov.-elect Gray Davis, LG-elect Cruz Bustamante and AG-elect Bill Lockyer at the Cabazon Reservation. With Prop. 5 now under a legal cloud (on 12/2 the CA Supreme Court by a 6-0 vote put a *stay* on #5), sources say the subject of the meeting was "Where do we go from here?" And with a YES on 5 referendum about to qualify that would *void* the Pala (Indian Gaming) Compact, you can almost bet that a new compact was discussed at this meeting...

■ **U.S. Senate Switch** - Calif. U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein(D) and Barbara Boxer(D) have switched committee assignments. DiFi will take Boxer's seat on the Senate Appropriations Cmt., while Boxer gets DiFi's spot on Foreign Relations. FYI: in case you missed it, GOP U.S. Rep. Chris Cox of Orange Co. is dropping hints that he may challenge DiFi in 2000...

■ **Transition Notes** - Former State Sen. Gary Hart (D-Santa Barbara) becomes the 1st member of Gov.-elect Gray Davis' administration as Sec. of Education. No big shock as insiders note Hart was on Davis' short list from day one. FYI: in addition to Transition Chair Barry Munitz, Davis has named 5 co-chairs to the transition team: Lt. Gov.-elect Cruz Bustamante; former San Diego Congresswoman Lynn Schenk; S.F. attorney and UC Regent Jeremiah Hallisey; former L.A. City Attorney Burt Pines; and L.A. attorney Cynthia McClain-Hill...

■ **Garry South's Future** - Gray Davis' savvy cmp. director plans to make some \$\$\$ in the private sector as a consultant, but sources say he'll continue as Davis' chief political operative in Calif.. And when the DNC picks L.A. for the 2000 presidential convention, South will undoubtedly get a key role here too. In addition,

sources say South, pollster Paul Masin and media consultant Tom O'Donnell will schmooze once every month or so - to keep the Davis team on track...

■ **Special Election in Moorpark** - City of Moorpark in Ventura Co. will hold a special election Jan. 12th on Measures T & S - both development issues. "T" deals with a 3,200-unit residential and commercial development by Messenger Investment Co. of Costa Mesa. The Kamber Group/L.A. is handling the YES on T campaign...

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● San Mateo Co. Sup. Ruben Barrales, 36, who was just defeated Nov. 3rd by Demo Controller Kathleen Connell, is giving up his elected job to become the president/ceo of *Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network*. The group promotes economic development issues...

● New address for the Valley Industry & Commerce Assn. (VICA): 20121 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 203, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. ☎ (818)226-6466...

● Mike Madrid, the savvy political director of the CA Republican Party, has been named press secretary to new GOP Assembly Leader Rod Pacheco...

● Steve Coony has been named transition COS to AG-elect Bill Lockyer. Nelson Kempsey, exec. director of the Assn. of Western Attorneys General, will serve as sr. advisor to the transition staff...

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